CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for enabling E-commerce transactions

2 between a vendor and a consumer, the method

3 comprising the steps of:

4 providing a secured network that stores

5 consumer data and approved vendor

6 information;

7 receiving transaction information at the

8 secured network;

9 processing the transaction information to

10 determine whether the transaction

11 information conforms with the stored

12 consumer data and approved vendor

13 information; and

14 delivering the stored consumer data to the

15 vendor if the transaction information

16 is determined to conform with the

17 stored consumer data and approved

18 vendor information.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of

2 providing a secured network further comprises:

3 providing a virtual private network (VPN)

4 that enables secured communication of

5 the transaction information.

1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of

2 processing the transaction information to

3 determine whether the transaction information

4 conforms with the stored consumer data and

5 approved vendor information further comprises:

6 determining whether the transaction

7 information contains a consumer

8 identification indicator; and

9 determining whether the transaction

10 information contains a vendor

11 identification indicator.

1 4. The method of claim 3, further comprising:

2 determining whether the consumer

3 identification indicator conforms with

4 the stored consumer data; and

5   determining   whether   the   vendor

6   identification indicator conforms with

7   the   stored   approved   vendor

8   information.

1 5. An   apparatus   for   enabling   E-commerce

2 transactions between a vendor and a consumer,

3 the apparatus comprising:

4   a secured network that stores consumer data

5   and approved vendor information;

6   a   transaction   receiver   that   receives

7   transaction information at the secured

8   network;

9   a processor that processes the transaction

10   information to determine whether the

11   transaction information conforms with

12   the stored consumer data and approved

13   vendor information; and

14   a delivery module that delivers the stored

15   consumer data to the vendor if the

16   transaction information is determined

17   to conform with the stored consumer

18   data and approved vendor information.

1 6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the secured

2 network further comprises:

3 a virtual private network (VPN) that

4 enables secured communication of the

5 transaction information.

1 7. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the processor

2 further comprises:

3 a consumer identification module that

4 determines whether the transaction

5 information contains a consumer

6 identification indicator; and

7 a vendor identification module that

8 determines whether the transaction

9 information contains a vendor

10 identification indicator.

1 8. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the consumer

2 identification module further comprises

3 a first conformity module that determines

4 whether the consumer identification

5   indicator conforms with the stored

6   consumer data; and

7   wherein the vendor identification module

8   further comprises

9   a second conformity module that determines

10   whether the vendor identification

11   indicator conforms with the stored

12   approved vendor information.